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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 664  
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Hugh Green of  
Carthage.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the accomplishments of those Tennesseans who, during their respective lifetimes, served their fellow citizens with the utmost integrity, dedication and ability; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident and physician of Carthage, Dr. Hugh Green was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hugh Green was born in 1920 on Sloan Branch in the Pleasant Shade Community to the late James Alexander and Opal Gladys Sloan Green; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected resident of Carthage, Dr. Green attended Pleasant Shade Elementary School and graduated from Carthage High School in 1938. He then continued his education at Tennessee Technological University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1942; and

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WHEREAS, he continued with postgraduate work at Tennessee Technological University until 1946, before transferring to Peabody College in Nashville where he received his Master of Science in biology; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Green pursued his dreams of becoming a doctor at the University of Tennessee School of Medicine in Memphis from 1947-1950; in 1951, he completed his internship at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis and his residency at Mississippi Charity Hospital in 1952; and

WHEREAS, in a period when house calls were still common, Dr. Green began serving as a physician in Carthage in 1953 when he opened a family practice with Dr. L.R. Sloan; and

WHEREAS, he subsequently joined Dr. Gordon Petty in 1956, as they established the Petty and Green Clinic as well as the former Smith County Hospital where he relocated his practice in 1964; and

WHEREAS, in 1976 he transferred once again to the new Smith County Memorial Hospital, with which he had been associated since its establishment; he made his final move to the Carthage Family Practice Specialists, Inc. in 1993 and became associated with Carthage General Hospital; and

WHEREAS, he served with acumen and alacrity as one of the county's most revered and well-known physicians, where he earned the respect of his fellow doctors, nursing staff, office employees, hospital administrators, and patients for the superior quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Green was acknowledged in *Country* magazine as having delivered 6,000 babies in his career; he once cited that "one of his greatest accomplishments in all of his years of practice was having not lost a single mother giving birth"; and

WHEREAS, both patients and co-workers praise Dr. Green for his unparalleled medical abilities and incredible compassion; one nurse expressed her feelings stating, "The way he cared for his patients and their families was beyond anything he learned in medical school. It was from the heart"; and

WHEREAS, it was not uncommon to hear him tell a joke, sing a song, cry with patients, or dissect a family tree; the lasting impact of Dr. Green's lifetime dedication to the medical concerns of Smith County residents will be cherished for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, he was an active and devout member of the Pleasant Shade Upper Cumberland Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hugh Green enjoyed the loving companionship of his late wife, Mildred Porter Green and was the proud parent of five sons, James, Hugh, Jack, Joe, and the late Johnny Green, and a daughter, the late Vivian Green; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Green leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Dr. Hugh Green, a dedicated and outstanding Smith County physician, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his gentle presence, and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Dr. Green.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

